



PENTECOST



St. Basil the Great

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Reconciliation/
Confession

SATURDAYS:
8:30 - 9:30AM
OR BY APPOINTMENT



Mass

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00AM
SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:00PM
SUNDAY: 7:30AM, 9:00AM,
11:00AM, 5:00PM



Eucharistic
Adoration

**MONDAYS &
WEDNESDAYS:**
8:30AM - 9:00PM

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MONDAY-THURSDAY: 8AM - 7PM
FRIDAY: 8AM - 5PM
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SUNDAY: CLOSED

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, May 25, 2026 – Memorial Day

9am Veronica Soltis (*Marney Costello*)
(Fr. Mann)

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

8am Irene Klemens (*Family*)

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

8am Thomas Harley (*Mary Rickey*)

Thursday, May 28, 2026

8am Rosa & Mariano Salvatore
(*Rosemaria, Josephine & Angela Salvatore*)

Friday, May 29, 2026

8am Mariann Lupica (*Salvatore, Brother*)

Saturday, May 30, 2026

5pm Meg & Tom English
(*The Pantry Friends*) (Fr. Mann)

Sunday, May 31, 2026 – The Most Holy Trinity

7:30am Parishioners of St. Basil (Fr. Mann)

9am The Huemmer & Huk Families
(*Frank & Carole Huemmer*) (Fr. Mann)

11am Elaine Schwerko (*Len & Cher Honacki*)
(Fr. Liptak)

5pm Lois Polman (*The Polman Family*)
(Fr. Liptak)



Offertory May 17, 2026

Regular Collection \$39,367.00

Monthly Maintenance \$3,116.00

Thank you for your continued support!



The Most Holy Trinity May 31, 2026

1st Reading: Exodus 34: 4b-6,8-9

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Gospel: John 3: 16-18

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Join us for Mass at 9am
as we remember those
who served our country.

**THE PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED IN
OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY**
The Adoration
Chapel Will Be
Closed Also.



Monday, May 25th, Americans will observe Memorial Day, a federal holiday for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces.

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day. In 2000, Congress passed the "National Moment of Remembrance Act" which designates 3:00 p.m. local time on Memorial Day each year as the National Moment of Remembrance, in "honor of the men and women of the United States who died in the pursuit of freedom and peace." Public Law 106-579 encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at that time for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.



CALLED TO FLOURISH

Thank you for your incredible generosity!

Thank you to everyone who made a gift to *Called to Flourish* earlier this month! We are grateful for the over 400 families who have participated and we look forward to celebrating all we've accomplished together in June.

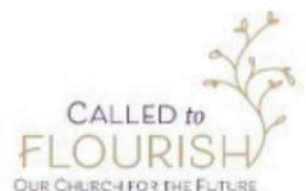
For those who are still contemplating their gift, we appreciate your prayers and support.

Make your gift today!



Scan the QR code to make your gift online or visit catholiccommunity.org/calledtoflourish

With questions, please contact the Campaign Office at (216) 902-1300 or calledtoflourish@catholiccommunity.org





Pentecost

Pentecost Sunday is today, May 24th. On the day of Pentecost, when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover was fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given and communicated as a divine person. Pentecost recounts the early followers of Jesus gathered after his ascension on the Feast of Pentecost. A strong driving wind that came to them from the sky and filled the entire house where they were. This "driving wind" appears at the beginning of creation: "In the beginning, when God created the heavens, and the earth was without form or shape, with darkness over the abyss and a mighty wind sweeping over the waters—then God said, "let there be light, and there was light." The "mighty wind sweeping over the waters" and God's spoken command brought forth order over the waters" and God's spoken command brought forth order out of chaos and the earth was born. The "driving wind" is reminder of the breath that God breathed into the nostrils of Adam, turning clay into living flesh. And the first human was born.

After his resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples and "he breathed on them" giving them the power to forgive sins by uniting people to the restorative power of God's love. And today, the "strong driving wind" descends on the disciples and the Church is born and is strengthened for its mission to go out into the world and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ—that salvation is possible for all who believe in him. This same "driving wind" first entered into us at our baptism, when we first received the life of grace, and its force was strengthened in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

"Knowledge of faith is possible only in the Holy Spirit: to be in touch with Christ, we must first have been touched by the Holy Spirit. He comes to meet us and kindle faith in us." (CCC, 683)
The festival of Pentecost is still important to Christians today because it represents the beginning of the Christian Church. It reminds them how Jesus' promise that God would send the Holy Spirit was fulfilled.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. While some Christians accept these as a definitive list of specific attributes, others understand them merely as examples of the Holy. "Come, Holy Spirit!" Yes, in any discernment of God's call, we need to call on the Holy Spirit to come to fill and inspire us. Do we think to call on the Holy Spirit? Pentecost reminds us to do this not just on one feast during the year...but everyday. Spirit's work through the faithful. *Veni Sancte Spiritus!* (USCCB)



*Come Holy Spirit,
Fill the Hearts of Your Faithful!*

Enhance Your Hearing Health

All are welcome!



Join us for an informative morning on hearing, hearing loss, and hearing aids, led by Dr. Juliëtte Sterkens, a retired audiologist and consultant to the Hearing Loss Association of America. Her TEDx talk “What You Don’t Know About Hearing Aids” has been viewed over 1.3 million times. She and her husband live in Oshkosh, WI.

Hearing loss develops gradually and can have a significant impact on a person’s life and their family. Many people with hearing loss say they can hear but have difficulty understanding speech, especially in noisy environments, in churches, or in large gathering spaces. This informative presentation will make you a more informed consumer of hearing care services. Educational handouts will be provided.

**Wednesday
June 24, 2026
9:00 am
Parish Center**

Coffee and
danishes provided!

*For more information
contact Robin Youngs.*



Christ and the Apostolic Witness
Understanding the New Testament

June 2 - August 11, 2026
Tuesdays 6-9 PM

Andrew Courter, M.A.
Director for Catholic Identity,
Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

St. Basil the Great
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Brecksville, Ohio

Standard Rate:
\$300



Food Pantry: End of the month food and household supplies for the Food Pantry is


May 30-31, 2026.

***Don't forget to pick up a green grocery bag, May 23-24, 2026.



***Checks should be made out to St. Basil the Great.


Don't forget our fur babies! Dog and cat food is also needed and appreciated. Please place dog/cat food in separate bags.



Vacation Bible School 2026

RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God
Totally Catholic Edition



Vacation Bible School is for children entering Kindergarten through 4th grade. St. Basil will be offering a morning and evening session of Vacation Bible School, space is limited in each session. Volunteers are needed to help make VBS possible. **Volunteers can be 5th graders through adults.** Scan the QR Codes to access the sign ups. Registration will open April 23, 2026. The same registration link is for both participant and volunteer registration.

Evening Session
July 19-23, 5:30 - 8:30pm



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Children's Faith Formation 2026- 2027 Online Registration Opens Wednesday May 20th!

In person classes are for children entering Kindergarten - 5th grade on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings during the school year (September through May). Classes for 1st through 8th grade are offered through our Family Catechesis program.

Please visit basilthegreat.org/cff for more information and to register online.

Would you to prayerfully consider being a Catechist for the Children's Faith Formation ministry?

A Catechist:

- models the Catholic faith in their daily lives, acting as a "living echo" of Christ.
- is a person of prayer, praying for their students and ministry.
- has a passion for sharing the Gospel and joyfully sharing the Catholic faith.
- is genuine in their relationship with God and humble enough to continue growing in faith.
- shows empathy, sympathy, and a genuine care for those they lead.
- takes the time to prepare lessons, rather than relying on improvisation.
- can connect the truths of the faith to the lived experiences of their students
- can adapt their teaching methods to engage students and are flexible enough to allow the Holy Spirit to guide the lesson
- follows parish guidelines and arrive on time to teach respect and discipline
- works well with others, including parents, catechists, and church leaders.

Our Children's Faith Formation program is one of the largest in the Diocese. We are seeking new Catechists for the 2026-2027 school year. We will offer classes Sunday mornings 10:15 – 11:30 am and Monday evenings 6:15 – 7:30 pm September 2026 – May 2027.

You don't have to be a professional educator, just a love for Jesus and an interest in helping to form disciples.

Please reach out to Andrea Wasinski awasinski@basilthegreat.org if you feel called to the Children's Faith Formation ministry.



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St. Basil Silent Auction Needs Donations



The 2026 Silent on-line Auction is fast approaching and the committee is looking for items that we would like to add to the auction. We need all donated items no later than Friday, July 3rd. Keep in mind that the auction will conclude on July 16, 2026.

OUR CURRENT WISH LIST IS:

Autographed Shirts, Hats, Footballs, Basketballs or baseballs

Cleveland Guardians, Browns and Cavs Tickets

Ohio State Football Tickets

Gift cards to a favorite restaurant

Tickets to any Play at Playhouse Square

Vacation Home Donations for a week or weekend

Remember all parishioners can participate in the on-line bidding and the proceeds benefit the Endowment Fund at St. Basil parish. If you can help with any of the above items contact:

Jeff Spetrino 440-665-7580

Don Ferfolia 216-244-5680

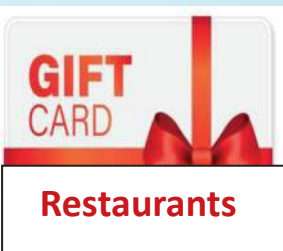
Karen Uhrin 724-244-3623



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2026 Cleveland National Air Show
Featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels
September 5, 6 & 7 - Labor Day Weekend
Burke Lakefront Airport



Vacation Home



Art Museum



Airline Tickets



Theatre Tickets



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\$225/Golfer
\$850/Foursome

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Green fees, carts, breakfast, lunch, dinner, drinks, quality golf giveaway

14th Annual Golf Outing
THURSDAY | JULY 16, 2026
Sleepy Hollow Golf Course

Supporting **St. Basil the Great Endowment Fund**

Check In: 7:30AM | Shotgun Start: 9:00AM

Women's & Men's Prizes: Longest Drives, Longest Putts, Closest to the Pin Shots, Guaranteed 50/50 Skins Game, Low Foursome Scores

Register Online: stbasilgolfouting.com

For sponsorship or silent auction donation info:

Jeff Spetrino: 440-665-7580

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES		EVENT PROGRAM AD	DINNER PRESENTATION RECOGNITION	LOGO/FAMILY NAME	GOLF & DINNER TICKETS
Seraphim <i>\$6,425 tax deductible</i>	\$7,000	FULL	●	●	4
Cherubim <i>\$4,425 tax deductible</i>	\$5,000	FULL	●	●	4
Archangel <i>\$1,925 tax deductible</i>	\$2,500	FULL	●	●	4
Angel <i>\$450 tax deductible</i>	\$1,250	HALF	●	●	4
Driving Range <i>\$1,000 tax deductible</i>	\$1,000		●	Signage on Driving Range	
Beverage Cart <i>\$1,000 tax deductible</i>	\$1,000		●	●	
Dinner <i>\$1,500 tax deductible</i>	\$1,500		●	●	
Ball <i>\$2,750 tax deductible</i>	\$2,750		●	●	
Lunch <i>\$750 tax deductible</i>	\$750		●	●	
Breakfast <i>\$500 tax deductible</i>	\$500		●	●	
Practice Green Sponsor <i>\$500 tax deductible</i>	\$500		●	●	
Green Sponsor (Max 18) <i>\$300 tax deductible</i>	\$300		●	Corp. Logo 3 Lines	
Tee Sponsor <i>\$200 tax deductible</i>	\$200		●	Signage by Tee 3 Lines	
Family <i>\$125 tax deductible</i>	\$125		●	●	

JUNE UPCOMING events.

04 JUN

Food Truck Night

05 JUN

Couple's Night Out

07 JUN

Parish Picnic

Save the Dates!
PARISH GROUNDS
MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE
NEEDED! SIGN UP ONLINE
AT BASILTHEGREAT.ORG



MEN'S NIGHT
TUESDAY JUNE 2, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Men of the parish are invited to gather as we set up tables and chairs for the picnic and join us after for fellowship, drinks, and pizza.

FOOD TRUCK NIGHT
THURSDAY JUNE 4, 2026 | 5:00-8:00 PM

Join us for an evening of dinner and food trucks featuring Barrio, Swensons, Off the Griddle, and delightful sweet treats. Enjoy live entertainment and a selection of beer available for purchase.

Logos for Barrio, Swensons, and Off the Griddle are included.

COUPLES NIGHT
FRIDAY JUNE 5, 2026 | 6:00-8:00 PM

Married and engaged couples are invited to join Fr. Ryan for an evening of drinks, dinner, and meaningful conversation about marriage. Please bring your own beverages and a picnic dinner to enjoy.

CORPUS CHRISTI MASS
SUNDAY JUNE 7, 2026 | 11:00 AM MASS

Our second-grade students who celebrated their First Communion this year are warmly invited to join us for Mass, wearing their First Communion dresses and suits.

Many hands are needed to make this weekend possible. Please sign up to volunteer at basilthegreat.org/forms

PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY JUNE 7, 2026
12:00-4:00 PM

Join us for a day of fellowship and celebration for the whole parish family!

Join us for lunch of hot dogs, cheeseburgers, sausage sandwiches, pizza, potato salad, and ice cream. Beer available for purchase.

We kindly ask that you bring a finger dessert to share.

Enjoy a variety of activities:

- Rides on the Euclid Beach Rocket Car
- Balloon twisting
- Children's games
- Live music
- Crafts with the Emerald Garden Club
- A visit from the Brecksville Fire Department
- And much more!

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Just a single candle

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Honoring our First Responders

ST. MICHAEL STATUE DEDICATION

Monday June 29, 2026

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Statue Dedication

Reception to Follow

Please join us at St. Basil the Great for a heartfelt celebration as we dedicate a new statue of St. Michael the Archangel, patron and protector of those who serve in harm's way. We gather as a community to thank our police, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel for their courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to our community.

All are welcome to join us for this dedication. To mark this special occasion, we invite all first responders to join us in uniform, representing the courage and commitment you bring to our community.

RSVP Recommended for Reception at basilthegreat.org/forms



St. Basil Liturgical Tribute Fund

St. Basil's Liturgical Tribute Fund honors both the living and deceased. Contributions can be made in any amount at any time, and contribution envelopes are available from the Parish Office and the pamphlet racks in the church vestibules. Funds are used to purchase items needed for church services. Honorees and donors are listed below and are published in the bulletin each month.

In Memory of:

- LAURA MARKS:** Terri Shawhan and Laura Eby
- DENNIS A. SEIFERT:** The Seifert Family
- ROBERT K. KANNENBERG:** The Seifert Family
- BARBARA HOLZ:** Lois M. Ganley
- MIKE SOKOLOWSKI:** Terri Shawhan
- RON SHAWHAN:** Terri Shawhan
- KATHLEEN MAYHER:** John and Lori Reagan



We are always excited to celebrate the jubilee anniversary Mass for couples married 50 years. This Mass is celebrated at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland.

On June 14th, 2026, we will celebrate with all couples married in 1976. Everyone is invited and may bring family with them.

This is NOT a ticketed event. There is no registration required.

Event Details:

Parking is available on the surface lot off of Rockwell, next to the Cathedral. Parking can also be found in the garage next to the Cathedral. Handicapped seating available. A picture opportunity with Bishop will take place on the Superior Avenue side of the Cathedral following Mass. We also invite you to take pictures around the Cathedral in the alcoves etc. WE DO NOT HIRE A PHOTOGRAPHER. Photos are on your own. If a family member is not able to take the photo, the Marriage and Family staff will be available to assist.

Certificate:

The Office of Marriage and Family Ministry is pleased to provide a letter from Bishop Malesic and a certificate for all couples married 50 years. Attendance at the 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass is not required. The certificates and letters are compiled once a month and must be requested online in advance. Please ensure all information is accurate before submitting. If there are any errors, we will happily make the changes. Please go to the Diocese of Cleveland's website to request the letter and certificate. If you have any questions, please contact the Diocese of Cleveland at 216-696-6525.



St. Catherine Food Pantry
In the month of April, 2026:

393 households were served including a total of 1193 individuals and an estimated 17,895 meals were provided. Checks are payable to St. Basil the Great Parish. *Thank you for your support and generosity.*

Total non-perishable bags distributed - 661
A big shout out to a team of 12 St. Basil volunteers who partnered with 5 of our local grocers to rescue 8653 pounds of perishable and non-perishable food products including some non-food items!

We truly appreciate such hard work and dedication.



The St. Basil the Great Food Pantry is located at: 9412 Heath Avenue (93rd & Union)

The Food Pantry is open Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30-11am

To volunteer please contact:
Kathy Sejba: kathsejba@gmail.com

Donations are gratefully accepted!



News From The Rock!

The Rock Salutes the Class of 2026! There are new voices on-air during the month of May. At the start of each hour, tune in to AM 1260 (Cleveland) or AM 930 (Elyria/Lorain) to hear the voices of our graduating seniors from Catholic high schools around the diocese. To learn more about our graduates, scan the QR code, or visit us at rockcatholicradio.com.




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John Plagens & Vic Preisel from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

Please call us. We look forward to making your business visible to this parish community!

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Ask and you will receive-

Each weekend after the Saturday 5 pm and the Sunday 9 am and 11 am masses there are individuals who believe God answers all prayer and are available to pray with you. Discreet, confidential and powerful prayer seeking God's intervention. Located In the Chapel - experience the power of prayer.

-Prayer Ministry



THE MINISTRY OF THE TRAVELING STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Have you signed up lately to have the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home?

Please call the rectory at 440-526-1686 if you would like to.

The schedule is for one week.

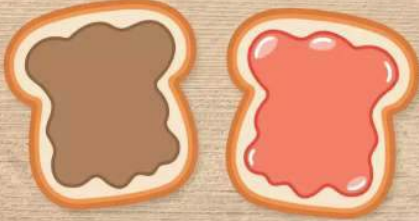
The prayer theme is for Peace, Unity and Love within each home and within the parish. In addition, you can add any intentions and/or petitions you and your family want to make to our Lady and receive graces for you and your family.

**Our Lady of the Rosary,
Pray for Us!**




PENTECOST SUNDAY

Join us for Sandwich Saturday!
9:00-10:00 am in the Parish Center
Spread the love!



Upcoming Sandwich Saturdays

June 6

Bring peanut butter and jelly, bread,
bag of fruit, sandwich baggies, and a
breakfast treat to share.
Sandwiches are taken to local shelters
to help those in need.

BEES VOLLEYBALL
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CAMP



WHEN: JUNE 29 - JULY 1
1ST - 4TH GRADE - 9-11 AM
5TH - 8TH GRADE - 11:30-1:30PM
WHERE: BBHS GYM
COST - \$125 (\$100 FOR ADDITIONAL SIBLING)

REGISTRATION

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/6KNXXDBX](https://tinyurl.com/6KNXXDBX)

ALL CAMPERS RECEIVE A T-SHIRT



CAMP CONTACT: MOLNARP@BBHCSD.ORG



Catholic Renewal Ministries' Traveling Charismatic Healing Mass for June will be held at St. Hilary Parish on Friday, June 18th, 7:00 pm. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00, and the liturgy will start at 7:30. Healing prayer teams will be available after Mass for individual prayer. The Church is located at 2750 West Market St. in Fairlawn 44333. For more information, please contact CRM at 440-944-9445. All are Welcome. Come, Sing and Praise God with Joy!

All are invited to attend Catholic Renewal Ministries' 43rd Annual Charismatic Conference to be held on Saturday July 25, 2026, at St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center, 6667 Wallings Rd., North Royalton 44133. This year's theme is "Be Renewed in the Power of the Holy Spirit". Guest speakers will be Monica Richards, a missionary with Damascus in Columbus, who has developed, from her work with the John Paul II Healing Center, a passion for presenting the Gospel of freedom and dignity in an engaging and entertaining way; Fr. John Gordon, a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark, a dynamic preacher and evangelist, who is the Coordinator of the Office of Evangelization for his diocese and is also a council member of Pentecost Today USA; and Fr. Bob Franco, the Bishop's Liaison for Charismatic Renewal in the Cleveland Diocese and pastor of St. Peter and St. Julie Billiart Parishes in North Ridgeville. Auxiliary Bishop Michael G. Woost will be the celebrant for the Vigil Mass, and Matt Fafrak will lead us in contemporary praise music throughout the day and evening. Visit the CRM website: www.crmweb.org or call 440-944-9445 for more information. Advance registration postmarked by Wednesday, July 15th, is \$40, and at the door \$50. Come, as we praise and exalt Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen*

In Loving Memory



PAULA STANKIEWICZ
Sister of Mary Lou Schaeffer
May 9, 2026



PATRICIA A. ZELENY
Mother of Joe, Morgan & Jacqueline
May 3, 2026

*We remember all of our
deceased loved ones.
May they rest in peace.*



Eucharistic Adoration
Mondays & Wednesdays
8:30am - 9:00pm
Spend time with the Lord.



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This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost. For Catholics, it is more than a past event—it is the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise to send the Holy Spirit, who remains active in the Church today, strengthening believers and offering

gifts like wisdom, courage, and understanding. In the Gospel, the disciples are gathered in fear behind locked doors. Jesus enters and says, “Peace be with you,” showing them his wounds. He does not hide them or ask that they be fixed; they are now part of who he is. He reveals them not to condemn, but to transform. In doing so, he creates safety, models vulnerability, and shows what it means to love others in their woundedness. He breathes the Holy Spirit into them—a new beginning—and sends them on mission to bring reconciliation and forgiveness to others.

Jesus meets us where we are and calls us to do the same. In my work with couples, I often see how each person’s wounds surface within the relationship. This is not something to fix, but an invitation to love more deeply. We are called to remain present to one another in those wounds, allowing space for healing and transformation—just as Christ does with us. What would it look like for someone to “enter the locked room” of your fear without forcing their way in? What lets you know you are truly seen? And what happens within you when that occurs? To love someone in their woundedness is to love as Jesus did on the Cross: in pain, misunderstood, and rejected, yet still loving fully. When couples can recognize their own brokenness and stay present to one another in love, transformation often follows. I’ve seen it happen—when one feels truly seen, walls come down, and connection begins to replace protection. May we receive the peace of Christ, allow him to meet us in our wounds, and become people who bring that same healing presence to others.

- Nicole Melchi, IMFT, LPCC-S, CGT, Sacred Heart Counseling Team



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